

Metallic productions alone in Ontario increased from \$2,565,286 in 1900 to \$5,321,677 in 1904. And from 1904 to 1907 I do not think anyone would dare to predict what they will be, but there is little doubt there will be an increase. The output of silver, cobalt, iron ore, pig iron and steel was given as nil in the report of the Bureau of Mines for 1895, and in 1904 the output of silver was placed at \$111,887; of cobalt, \$36,620; iron ore, \$108,068; pig iron, \$1,811,664, and of steel, \$1,888,349. The report of your Minister of Mines for 1905 claims that the Sudbury nickel-copper deposit constituted the chief source of the world's supply of nickel. The output of nickel in that year was given as \$3,344,409, while the copper contents of the matte amounted

the keenest interest in the industry, but has also borne in mind in his recent legislation the protection that is due to individual rights. I would not, however, lead you to believe that you hold all the silver and other good things in the country. We, in Quebec, on your eastern boundary, have a great undeveloped mining territory within ten or twenty miles of you in the Temiskaming country. You are more fortunate in your Cobalt district than we in our ore, because of the railway facilities which you have. The railway development gives you direct transportation facilities to the very mouth of your most valuable mines, yet it is only a question of time when we, too, shall have railway communication with the great northern mineral belt of



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to \$671,833, and if these products had been computed at the price of refined metals, as is done by many public statisticians, their total value would have been little short of \$10,000,000, while employment was furnished in this industry to over 1,000 men.

To all these facts and figures, illustrative of the rapid development of your mining industries in recent years, there is yet to be added the marvellous story of Cobalt, which has already proved itself to be the second Klondyke in the world-wide interest which it has aroused. Your Province is also to be congratulated in possessing in the person of your active Minister of Mines, the Hon. Mr. Cochrane, one who has not only taken

our Province, and communication which, I hope, shall prove valuable to both Provinces.

Last year I remarked on the development in mineral resources that would follow the construction of the Trans-Continental Railway. I am more than ever impressed with the assurance of this fact.

We, in Quebec, are only most anxious to join with you in Ontario, without regard to any political considerations, in assuring the best possible legislation for the interests of the mining industry in general, as well as for those who are practically engaged in it. It is certainly to be hoped that the time is not far distant when we shall have, Canadian smelters treating Cana-